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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: U.S. Patent Application to be filed under 35 U.S.C. §111
claiming continuation-in-part status from International Patent
Application No. PCT/EP02/08860, filed on August 8, 2002, which
claims priority from Federal Republic of Germany Patent
Application No. 101 45 818.5, filed September 17, 2001.

INVENTORS: Holger GROSSMAN and Thomas HEROLD
TITLE: BEVERAGE BOTTLING PLANT FOR FILLING
BOTTLES WITH A LIQUID BEVERAGE FILLING
MATERIAL, AND A CLEANING DEVICE FOR
CLEANING BOTTLES IN A BEVERAGE
BOTTLING PLANT

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UNDER 35 U.S.C. §111

Sir:

Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

Please find enclosed herewith the following documents relating to
the above-cited case:

- (X) 1. the above-identified patent application having 42 pages and
20 claims;
- (X) 2. an unsigned Supplemental Declaration and Power of
Attorney document;
- (X) 3. 3 sheets of drawings; and
- (X) 4. a stamped, self-addressed postcard, return of which is
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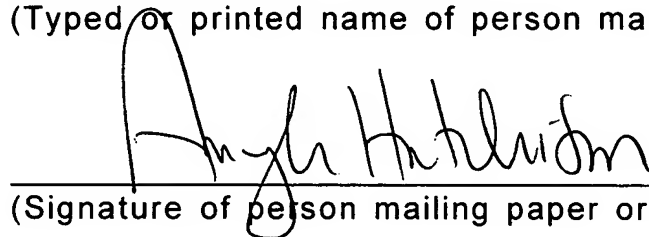
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